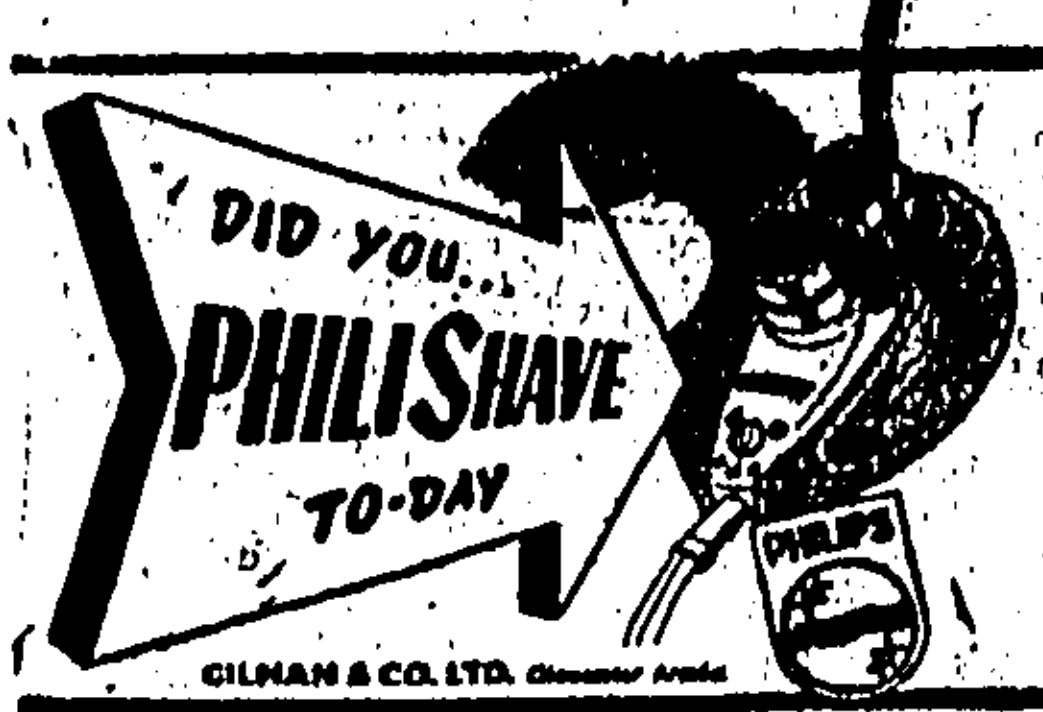


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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Chou's Mission

MR Chou En-lai has now reached Budapest in the course of his tour of East Europe. It is worth noting that he has singled out two of the six satellites—Poland and Hungary—for talks, excluding Czechoslovakia, Albania, Bulgaria and Rumania. By a coincidence an East German delegation was in Moscow at the time of his visit there and following a meeting between the two groups a fairly hucknosed communique emerged which contained no surprise. Herein, it is worth recalling, is a devoted exponent of Stalinism, and his loyalty to Moscow has never been questioned.

A similar type of communique may emerge from Mr Chou's talks with the Soviet puppet in Hungary, Janos Kadar, another trusted stooge, though if it is to be released for local consumption it may place greater emphasis on imperialist machinations overseas and skip lightly over such questions as Soviet leadership of the Communist bloc and the "gallant role of the Russian Army in suppressing the Fascist-Imperialist disturbances in Hungary".

MR Chou in a speech yesterday admitted mistakes by the past Hungarian Government (since purged) and in economic co-operation between Hungary and Russia. But this is as far as he is prepared to go; the mistakes will be rectified, he adds, and he even seems to admit that popular dissatisfaction was justified, but he relegates the revolt to a minor ruction and after a parting slap at the United States for interference in Hungarian affairs wishes the country happier days and closer ties with the Soviet Union.

The communique issued after Mr Chou's talks with the Polish Communist chief, Mr Vladislav Gomulka, however, provides more interest. Agency reports say the joint communique made no mention of Soviet leadership of the Communist bloc. Mr Chou is reported to approve the Polish road to socialism (as distinct, presumably, from the Soviet, Yugoslav or Chinese "roads") but then splits hairs in a speech in Warsaw a few hours later by proclaiming "there is only one road to socialism but it may be developed to suit varied conditions".

Mr Gomulka's file at United States economic pressure in Middle East was little advise in view of the forthcoming talks on the sale of American subsidised surplus farm produce to Poland, but on the whole this communique seems to have been drafted with much greater care and discretion than those usually emanating from interbloc meetings.

Death Sentence For Brutal Murder

Morris Clarke, a 27-year-old lorry driver was sentenced to death here today for battering a 57-year-old farmer to death on his farm near here last October.

According to the prosecution Clarke, who had debts of £1,000, used a wooden slave to smash in the skull of Arthur Johnson, "a quiet, kindly man," threw the body into a dyke and stole £500 from a safe in his house.

US TEXTILE CONTRACTS FOR HK

Fancy Shirts And Cotton Wear Worth \$12 Mill FIRST ORDER OF ITS KIND

By VICTOR SU

Contracts worth approximately HK\$12 million have been concluded for the manufacture of Hongkong fancy shirts and other cotton wear for the American market it was revealed this morning by Mr Lee Sen-hung, one of the Colony's leading textile industrialists.

The contracts, the first of their kind, are to be regarded as a trial order, said Mr Lee, who added that his group of textile interests was considering the formation of a syndicate to handle future business which, he thought, might be of a tremendous magnitude.

The introduction of Hongkong-made shirts into the American market was viewed as a competitive challenge to the Japanese textile industry which hitherto has supplied a substantial proportion of fancy and sports shirts, as well as other cotton and artificial silk garments imported by the United States.

Under the terms of the Hongkong contracts, American and Pakistani raw cotton will be used. It will be spun and woven in Hongkong mills, as well as dyed and printed in multi-colour designs.

Styles to suit American buyers have been provided by the US import company hand-

ling the deal. The shirts and other commodities will be tailored by several Hongkong mills. British-designed machines will be used for fully shrinking the material before tailoring. To date letters of credit amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars have been received and production work has already started.

It is expected the complete order will be fulfilled within the next six months.

Mr Lee Sen-hung said that despite the need to meet a 25 per cent customs tariff, plus trans-Pacific freight charges, he considered it would still be possible to produce the shirts

cheaper than could the Japanese.

The shirts could be retailed considerably cheaper than similar lines manufactured in the United States.

One reason was the lower cost of labour in Hongkong.

Textiles represent Hongkong's most important industry. Last year it manufactured and exported \$100 million worth of shirts and other garments to the United Kingdom, Southeast Asian, European and African markets.

But hitherto the Colony's manufacturers and exporters have been unsuccessful in their efforts to penetrate the American market.

JAPAN TO LIMIT TEXTILE EXPORTS TO AMERICA

Washington, Jan. 16:

The United States today described Japan's decision to limit its exports of cotton textiles to this country as "a major step forward in the development of orderly and mutually beneficial trade between the United States and Japan."

Announcement of the Japanese plan to place an annual overall ceiling of 235 million square yards on Japanese cotton exports to the United States over the next five years was made by the State Department this afternoon.

The Departments of State, Commerce and Agriculture said in a joint statement: "It is a constructive measure aimed at forestalling possible future injury to the United States cotton textile industry. It recognizes the problem faced by various segments of the domestic industry and meets the problem through the voluntary exercise of restraint on exports of cotton textiles to the American market."

The Japanese programme demonstrated Japanese understanding of the importance of the orderly marketing of an item as significant to the economies of both countries as cotton textiles, the statement said.

"Under this programme, it should be possible to avoid situations such as those which

developed during 1955 and 1956 in blouses, velveteens and gingham.

"The Japanese action provides a basis for the expansion of two-way trade between the United States and Japan in an atmosphere of the friendliest co-operation between the two nations, such as that which has characterized the economic and political relations between the two countries over the last decade."

"For the United States cotton textile industry, the Japanese programme should provide a basis on which it can look forward to the future with the confidence and the knowledge that import competition from Japan will follow an orderly pattern," the joint statement said.

An accompanying State Department announcement said that the United States had been informed of the Japanese programme in a note today from the Japanese Ambassador, Mr Masayuki Tanaka, to Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State. The text of this note was not made public by the State Department. Officials referred reporters to the Japanese Embassy.

The Background

In giving the background of Japan's decision, the State Department announcement said: "The Japanese programme has been developed in an effort to meet the problems which arose in 1955 when exports of Japanese textiles to the United States increased sharply. These exports were heavily concentrated with respect to certain commodities, such as blouses, velveteens and gingham.

Dredger Refloated

London, Jan. 16. British salvage vessels have refloated the 3,500-ton dredger Paul Solente, the largest obstacle scuttled by the Egyptians at the Port Said entrance to the Suez Canal. The Admiralty announced here tonight.

The British salvage vessels are participating with the United Nations fleet in the work of clearing the Canal.—France-Press.

Read Village Love Letters

Paris, Jan. 16. The romantic young wife of a postman at Fars (in western France), Madame Odette Gillet, aged 24, was brought to court today charged with opening all the love letters that passed through the post.

She followed the development of all the romances in the vicinity with the greatest interest—but she was often careless in sealing up the envelopes she steamed open. She committed the further indiscretion of telling a friend and confidante about the progress of the local love affairs.

Angry lovers compared notes about their opened letters, and had her charged. Her husband will not be prosecuted.—France-Press.

THERMOMETER FLOPS TO 49.9 DEG

For the third time this winter the thermometer dropped just below 50 degrees—and again today the minimum was recorded at 49.9 degrees.

Today's breakfast-time cold snap produced a reading of 49.9 degrees just before eight o'clock.

MACMILLAN'S NON-CABINET MINISTERIAL RESHUFFLE

London, Jan. 16.

The Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan, installed a fresh Ministerial team in command of Britain's armed forces tonight as the prelude to expected sharp cuts in defence spending.

With one exception, he shuffled experienced administrators from other assignments to head the Army, the Air Force, the Navy and the Supply Ministry, in a second list of Ministerial appointments, completing the new government.

These men will serve under the "tough" Defence Minister, Mr Duncan Sandys in completing the defence appropriations due next month. Government sources said Mr Macmillan planned drastic cuts in defence spending.

The new Ministers do not serve in the Cabinet. They are: First Lord of the Admiralty, the Earl of Selkirk, 50, who was a Minister without Portfolio (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster) under Sir Anthony Eden.

War Secretary: Mr John Hare, 45, who is a holdover from the Eden government. He was appointed to the War Office last autumn during the Suez crisis.

Air Secretary: the Hon. George Ward, 49, wartime bomber pilot who was Air Under-Secretary under Sir Winston Churchill and Sir Anthony Eden.

Minister of Supply, in charge of procurement: Mr Aubrey Jones, 45, Minister of Fuel and Power under Eden.

Eden's Health Grows Worse

London, Jan. 16.

Sir Anthony Eden's health has grown worse during the last few days, informed sources disclosed today.

Sir Anthony would probably have had to undergo another operation if he had not resigned and stopped all activity last week, the sources said. Despite his rest, the abdominal pains from which he suffers have grown worse.

His doctor, Sir Horace Evans, who examined him again today, stressed to him the need for complete rest and emphasized the seriousness of his case, the sources indicated.

Sir Anthony Eden and his wife are due to leave next Friday for New Zealand. His doctor has arranged for close medical supervision during the trip and during his stay there.—France-Press.

Right-Hand Man Dropped

Mr Macmillan's second ministerial list dropped a veteran Minister of State from the Foreign Office, the Marquess of Reading, who had been right-hand man to the Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, since 1953.

In his place Mr Macmillan appointed the Hon. David Ormsby-Gore, 39, a junior official at the Foreign Office since 1951.

Commander Allan Noble retained his job as Minister of State, at the Foreign Office. "Cordell" took over last autumn succeeding Mr Anthony Nutting, who quit in protest against Sir Anthony Eden's defence policy.

Other promotions went to: Paymaster-General: Mr Reginald Maudling, 39, former Minister of Supply. In this post of Minister without Portfolio he will represent the new Power Minister in the House of Commons. The Power Minister, Sir Percy Mills, was appointed to the House of Lords.

Postmaster-General: Mr Ernest Marples, 49, who was Mr Macmillan's chief aide when the latter was Housing Minister 1951-4. Sir Anthony Eden dropped him.

Minister of Health: Mr Dennis Vosper, 41-year-old newcomer. Sir Anthony's Health Minister, Mr Roger Turton, was dropped from the government.

Minister of Works: Mr Hugh Molson, 53, former Deputy in the Transport Ministry who was a close colleague of Mr Macmillan's in the 1950s.

Financial Secretary to the Treasury: Mr Enoch Powell, 44-year-old former Gresham Professor at the University of Sydney, Australia, and Member of Parliament since 1950.

Economic Secretary to the Treasury: Mr Nigel Birch, 50, Eden's Air Secretary.

The Chief Whip Retained

Mr Macmillan retained the Attorney-General, Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, the Solicitor-General, Sir Henry Hylton-Foster, and the Chief Whip, Mr Edward Heath.

Mr Heath is Conservative disciplinarian of the House, with the title of Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury.

In the Service Ministries, Mr Macmillan shunted Mr Birch from the Air Ministry to the Treasury, promoted the Supply Minister, Mr Maudling, to the Power Ministry, and retained Mr Hare, who returned only today from an official tour of Middle Eastern bases.

The Admiralty was vacated by Viscount Hallam, whom Mr Macmillan promoted to Cabinet rank as Education Minister.

Other newcomers are the Earl of Perth, the Minister of State for Colonial Affairs under the Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, and Mr Derek Walker-Smith, Minister of State at the Board of Trade under the Board President, Sir David Eccles.

Mr Macmillan retained Sir Anthony Eden's Minister of Pensions, Mr John Boyd-Carpenter, and Minister without Portfolio, the Earl of Munster.—United Press.

NUCLEAR TESTS BAN URGED

New York, Jan. 16.

Japan today appealed to the United Nations for the cessation of nuclear tests at the earliest possible date.

Mr Renzo Savada, the Japanese delegate, making his country's first speech on the disarmament question, urged the General Assembly's political committee to agree to establishing procedure for prior notification of all kinds of test explosions.

This procedure, which he described as the minimum requirement, should be established by a competent organ of the United Nations.—Reuter.

SPAAK RETURNS

London, Jan. 16.

The Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, left here by air tonight for Brussels after talks in London with British ministers on the European free trade area plan. He declined to make a statement at the airport.—Reuter.

Nautilus Refuels

Washington, Jan. 16.

The atomic submarine, Nautilus, will be refuelled for the first time this spring after sailing over 55,000 miles in two years on its original load of nuclear power, the Navy said today.—United Press.

MURDER CHARGE TESTIMONY

Dr Was Cut Out Of Will

Eastbourne, Jan. 16.

Mrs Edith Morrell, wealthy and temperamental old widow, cut her doctor completely out of her will two months before he allegedly poisoned her, it was disclosed in court today.

The doctor, John Bodkin Adams, is said by the prosecution to have poisoned three of his rich patients, though he is only charged with the murder of Mrs Morrell.

Mrs Morrell, widow of a food importer, left £197,762 when she died in her cliff-top mansion six years ago; her solicitor, Mr Hubert Segno, told the magistrates hearing the case.

He gave the court details of the many wills the widow made between 1940 and 1950. An early one stated a bequest of £100 sterling for Dr Adams. Then at one time she drew up a codicil leaving her mansion and all her "personal chattels" to the chubby, 57-year-old doctor if her only son should die before her.

WROTE CODICIL

A later will bequeathed an oak chest of silver cutlery, an Elizabethan Court cupboard, and a Rolls Royce car to the medical man. But on September 13, 1950, the crotchety old woman—said by her nurses to have fits of temper for no reason—wrote a codicil to her final will cutting Dr Adams out altogether.

After the widow's death Dr Adams did get the Rolls Royce and the chest of silver. But this was "by favour" of Mrs Morrell's son, Arthur, who was the residuary legatee.


The prosecution claims that, motivated by greed, Dr Adams killed Mrs Morrell with an overdose of drugs because he expected to be left the silver and the Rolls Royce.

URGENT REQUEST

Mr Segno related how some months before the widow died Dr Adams asked to see him urgently. "He told me that Mrs Morrell had promised him many months previously she would give him her Rolls Royce car in her will."

"She now remembered that she had forgotten this and desired to give him the car and also the contents of a case in her locked box at the bank."

Dr Adams said the case contained some articles or articles of jewellery. He suggested the lawyer should prepare a codicil to Mrs Morrell's will which could later be destroyed if it was not approved by her son. "I pointed out this was impossible," the lawyer said.—China Mail Special.



Eisenhower's Economy A Myth Says Republican

GOP GIVE LESSONS IN SPENDING TO DEMOCRATS

Washington, Jan. 16.

President Eisenhower's record budget stirred misgivings among some Republicans today and prompted a Democratic charge that Republican economy is a myth.

"Republicans are giving Democrats a real lesson in the art of spending while at the same time leading the country to believe that they are the guardians of the purse strings," Rep. Thomas G. Abernethy (D-Miss.) said. "The President's budget is cold evidence that Eisenhower's economy is a myth."

Abernethy said the President in four years already has spent \$30 billion more than was spent by former President Truman in the four years of the previous administration.

Fighting War

"And Truman was fighting a war," Abernethy added. Chairman Harry F. Byrd of the Senate Banking Committee said the 1955 budget will result in increased inflation.

"The Federal Government itself is contributing to the inflation by increasing Federal budget expenditures. Federal Trust fund expenditures and by increased commitments under Federal Credit programs in which the Government insures and guarantees private loans," he said.

This, he added, "is volatile and dangerous." "In times of peace and prosperity, a sound budget requires elimination of non-essential expenditures to the extent that debt and taxes can be reduced," Byrd said.

Sen. Styles Bridges, ranking Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee, praised Eisenhower's "emphasis on fiscal integrity" and that fact that the budget is balanced for the third year in a row.

Pare It Down

But he said he "will make every effort to pare it down in every place possible."

Rep. Usher L. Burdick said of the proposed \$71.8 billion spending total: "that's more than the country can stand." Rep. H. R. Gross concurred in a forecast by Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey that failure to cut spending and taxes will insure a depression. But he asked:

"Why wait until next year? What's wrong with doing it this year?"

'Hypocrites'

Chairman J. William Fulbright of the Senate Banking Committee said the budget shows up the Administration as "hypocrites" for talking about reducing expenses and then proposing a record spending programme for expenses it knew would be necessary.

The President's proposed housing programme was denounced as "pitifully inadequate" by Chairman Albert Hains (D-Ala.) of the House Banking Subcommittee on Housing.

He said Congress must enact a programme of its own to halt the decline in housing construction resulting from "the tight money policy." He promptly introduced a bill to permit \$2.5 billion government funds to be used as housing mortgage money.

Continuing Review

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said, "I am confident there should be a continuing review of our military capabilities in light of the new requirements of the President's request for the Middle East."

Jackson said the danger of all-out Soviet attack has increased with Russia's trouble in her satellites and possibly at home. "This could lead to new military adventures, and with miscalculation, could lead to all-out atomic-hydrogen attack," Jackson told reporters. — United Press.

1st 'Royal' Wedding In France Since 1886

Paris, Jan. 16.

Princess Helene of Orleans, 22, daughter of the Count of Paris, Pretender to the "Throne" of France, was married today at a civil ceremony to Belgian Count Evard of Limburg-Stirum, in the first "royal" wedding in France since 1886.

The ceremony took place in the Town Hall of Louveciennes, near Paris, where the Count lives. A religious marriage ceremony will take place tomorrow at Dreux, known in history as the scene of royal marriages and baptisms, in the royal chapel of St. Louis.

The Mayor of Louveciennes, Fernand Guillaume, performed today's ceremony, in the gaily decorated marriage hall, as a large crowd pressed against barriers outside, for a sight of the bridal couple as they left.

NOBLE HOUSE

After the traditional responses, which made the Count and Princess Helene man and wife, Mayor Guillaume told the young couple: "It is a joy for me to receive here the noble House of France."

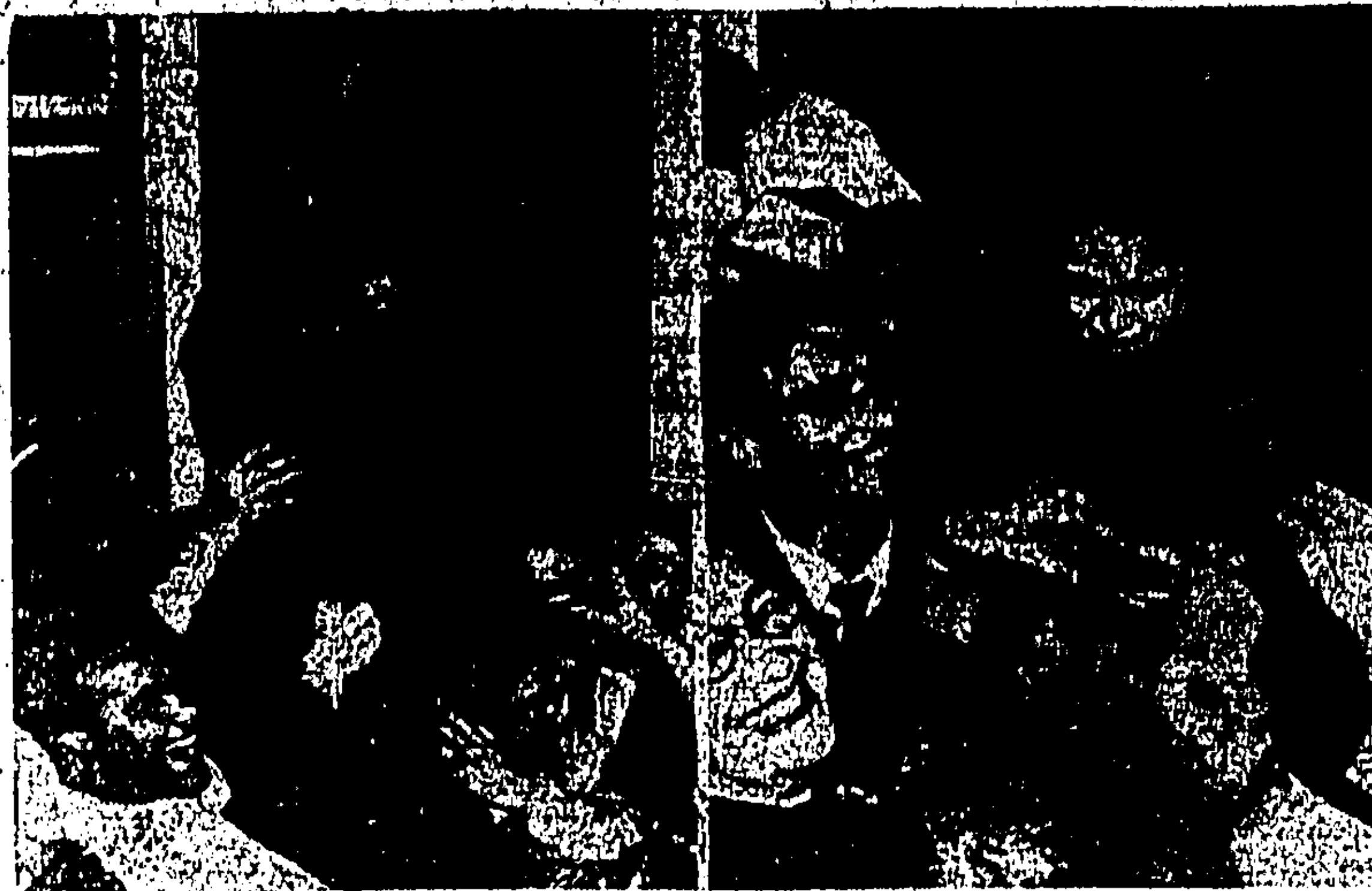
"If the French are ignorant of geography, as it is said they are, they know their history, which is mixed with yours, and which explains the part they take in the celebration of your union."

Expressing his satisfaction at the marriage as giving emphasis to the friendship between France and Belgium, he congratulated, on behalf of the people, "dream Princess and a Prince Charming."

BITTER COLD

After the ceremony, the young couple and their guests left the Town Hall. They paused obligingly outside as busy photographers snapped their pictures but the bitter cold drove them quickly to the shelter of the waiting cars.

They drove off to the Manor House of the Count of Paris, "Coeur Volant" (Flying Heart). — France-Press.



Refugees In Australia

Babies Handicapped By H-Bomb Tests

Washington, Jan. 16.

A prominent US geneticist predicted today that there will be an additional 6,000 handicapped babies born to the present generation on earth as a result of thermonuclear bomb testing now going on.

Commonwealth Talks Soon?

London, Jan. 17. There is wide expectation in political quarters here that Mr. Harold Macmillan, the new Prime Minister, will sound out possibilities for a Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference at a fairly early date. Some politicians believe such a conference might even precede the talks they are confident will be arranged before long between Mr. Macmillan and President Eisenhower in Washington.

It is accepted that Mr. Macmillan will need a little time to settle in with his administration before tackling the question of Commonwealth talks, a *China Mail* Special.

Moreover, he said, the rate of such births will increase proportionately as radiation effects are passed on to future generations.

Warren Weaver, Chairman of the Committee on Genetic Effects of Atomic Radiation, National Academy of Sciences, testified on effects of nuclear tests in the Senate Committee on Disarmament.

One-five Thousandths

Weaver said the additional 6,000 handicapped children represent only one-five thousandths of the estimated 30,000,000 handicapped babies who'll be born to the current generation on earth.

Therefore, he said, whether or not the figure is alarming depends on whether it is considered relatively or in terms of absolute numbers. Relatively the percentage increase is tiny, he explained. Actually, 6,000 is a lot of babies.

Weaver said that he, personally, believes the United States must continue testing atomic weapons in view of all the risks involved in the world today. But he said he cannot quarrel with the viewpoint that the genetic risk to the race in the long-run is too great and should be halted.

Weaver testified particularly in his field, genetic damage due to radiation. He said that actual physical damage—genetic damage—is a different field, although the two often are confused in the public mind.

Dread Isotope

Pathological damage is all injury inflicted directly as a result of radiation, including damage from the direct stream of 90—once feared isotope of the radiation elements.

Already the level of strontium 90, which is created by nuclear explosion, is increasing until it has reached a measurable level in milk, cheese and other dairy products, he said. — United Press.

US-Iran Civil Air Agreement

Washington, Jan. 16.

The State Department today announced conclusion of a civil aviation agreement with Iran. The agreement, signed in Tehran, gives the United States the right to operate an airline route into the Iranian capital. Pan-American World Airways has been flying into Tehran under a provisional arrangement.

The agreement also gives Iran the right to establish an airline route to the United States. — United Press.

Racial Policies Revision Called For

United Nations, Jan. 16.

Ceylon and four other delegations today introduced a draft resolution calling upon South Africa to "revise" its racial policies.

The proposal was offered in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee by Ceylon, Greece, Haiti, Iran and Iraq.

Main provisions of the draft resolutions would have the Assembly:

★ 1. Express "deep regret" that the South African government had not lived up to its obligations under the UN Charter and had further extended its racial segregation (apartheid) policies.

INCONSISTENT

★ 2. Affirm that the policies are inconsistent with "the forces of progress and of international co-operation in implementing the ideals of equality, freedom and justice."

★ 3. Call upon South Africa "urgently to reconsider its position and revise its policies in the light of its obligations and responsibilities under the (UN) Charter and in the light of the principles subscribed to and the progress achieved in other contemporary multi-racial societies."

The Committee was debating the racial problem in the absence of the South African delegation, which walked out of the Assembly last November because of what it regarded as continued UN interference in South African domestic affairs. — United Press.

BITTER SNOWSTORM SWEEPS ACROSS NE UNITED STATES

Chicago, Jan. 16.

The worst snowstorm of the winter rambled across the frost-bitten Northeast today and the Midlands sank further into its deep freeze.

The US Weather Bureau said the country might as well get used to the icy weather that has dominated most of the country all week. The 30-day outlook for the period from now until mid-February predicted below-normal temperatures in most areas and "frequent snows" east of the Appalachian Mountains from the Carolinas northward.

The cold drove temperatures below zero across the country's North and its numbing misery brought a rising toll of deaths due to over-exposure, exhaustion, flash fires and traffic smash-ups on snow-packed roads.

47 Deaths

The United Press counted at least 47 weather-caused deaths since the cold came to stay on Monday. There were nine in Indiana, eight in New York, seven in South Carolina, four in Illinois, three each in Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and North Carolina, two in Michigan, two in New England, and one each in Iowa, Mississippi and the District of Columbia.

The Eastern snows came surging up the Atlantic coast just as the Northeast was thawing out from record temperatures as low as 55 degrees below zero.

Virginia got up to eight inches of snow and a two-inch fall closed suburban schools in the area of Washington, DC.

Then the storm drove into the North with the heaviest snows of the season—six inches over the resort island of Nantucket, Massachusetts, and five over Long Island.

Morning Rush

It arrived in New York City just in time for the morning rush hour and teamed up with the cold to delay an estimated 20,000 commuters in reaching their jobs.

New York's entire Sanitation Department force was called out to keep main streets open. Trains were delayed, 2,000 underground passengers were on an express platform when they had to leave. The city's Health Department received almost 2,000 calls from tenants complaining that they were not getting enough heat.

The snow drove northward into New York State, the core of Tuesday's cold wave. Schools in Dutchess County were closed because of bad roads and about 10,000 pupils got a holiday.

Borrowing Air

Weather forecasters, tracking the storm predicted more than a foot of snow in New England tonight and up to 18 inches in eight Western New York counties.

The cold wave was so severe that the United States was even borrowing some of Canada's frigid air. The Weather Bureau said so much cold air had drained across the border during the past week that a warm spell had taken its place in West Central Canada. — United Press.

Dr. Heuss To Visit America



Bonn, Jan. 16.

West German President, Theodor Heuss, will make a State visit to the United States from March 6 to March 9, informed sources said here tonight.

The West German and American governments have agreed on the dates and an official invitation from President Eisenhower will soon be forwarded to Heuss through the US Ambassador, James Conant, these sources said. — France-Press.

Search Plane Missing

Manila, Jan. 17.

A two-seater airplane was reported missing since Sunday afternoon while on a search for a missing boat in Visayan and Mindanao seas in the Southern Philippines. The plane, which carried a pilot and a mechanic, is now the object of an intensive search by military and civilian planes. — France-Press.



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 - 19 Venetian (7).
 - 20 Piece of kitchen furniture (7).
 - 23 Ties (4).
 - 25 Amphitheatre (7).
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 - 29 Blazing (6).
 - 30 Make effervescent (6).
 - 31 Pinnet (6).
 - 32 Loec of hair (6).
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 - 5 Tribe (4).
 - 6 Possibly remote heavenly body (6).
 - 7 Sequence (6).
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 - 13 Sluggishness (7).
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Aperture, 8 Noam, 9 Rascals, 11 Bulletin, 13 Spot, 15 Agitates, 16 Listened, 19 Adds, 21 Reserved, 25 Toreator, 28 Scam, 29 Dredgers, Down: 1 Drab, 2 Fall, 4 Sust, 5 Eikon, 6 Stamp, 7 Bount, 9 Tonal, 10 Siren, 12 Urge, 14 Ozone, 16 Tired, 17 Sleet, 19 Ailed, 20 Dregs, 21 Rang, 22 Bait, 23 Vile, 24 Dots.

Rex Harrison Can Take Time Off

New York, Jan. 16.

The Irish actor, Edward Mulhare, will replace Rex Harrison in the lead role of the Broadway musical, "My Fair Lady," and still play within Actors Equity's own rules, an arbitrator appointed by Mayor Robert Wagner ruled tonight.

A dispute was brought about by Equity's refusal to permit Mulhare to replace Rex Harrison in the role of Professor Higgins in the musical adaptation of G. B. Shaw's "Pygmalion" when Harrison takes a four-week holiday early next month. The show's producers had threatened to close the show rather than abide by Equity's refusal.

The arbitrator ruled that "My Fair Lady" could change its cast in regard to alien actors without permission from Equity. — United Press.

New MiGs Sent To Syria

Washington, Jan. 16.

THE State Department has received reports that new aircraft of Soviet design have arrived in Syria, a Department spokesman said. In Washington today, the spokesman made this disclosure in reply to questions by reporters who asked for comment on rumors that 10 Soviet MIG-17 jet fighters had been delivered to Syria in the past few weeks. He said the reports the State Department had received on

this subject had not yet been confirmed and he refused to indicate the origin of the reports.

Asked to explain what he meant by new aircraft of Soviet origin, the spokesman said that it was a generally well established fact that there were already some Soviet MIG aircraft in Syria.

The spokesman said he did not know when the new aircraft had been supplied to Syria.

He said that Syria received military material of Soviet origin through the intermediary of Czechoslovakia.

In reply to further questions, the spokesman said he had no reports concerning any current sales of Soviet arms to Egypt. American Government sources said today they had received no reports concerning the possible presence of Soviet technicians in Syria, following the reported delivery of new Soviet aircraft there. — France-Press.

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LITTLE MAN LOST

by JULIAN SYMONS

"I WANT you to find my husband," the plain woman in a mud-coloured frock said, and Francis Quarles stifled a yawn. Most husbands who disappear do so voluntarily. They are middle-aged, tired of their dull lives and their dull wives.

Was Charles Laurence such a man? Looking at his photograph, the small head with thin hair carefully brushed, the anxious eyes, the neat clothes, the stiff collar, Quarles thought that probably he was. Charles Laurence looked almost too respectable to be true.

He listened to what Mrs Laurence, Angela Laurence, had to say. It fitted the usual pattern. Charles was an auditor working for a firm of accountants. He had been with them five years and had apparently done very well there. At least they had been able to move from their flat in Croydon into a house they had built for themselves in Purley.

"Oil-fired central heating," Mrs Laurence said enthusiastically. They had always been very happy together, although unfortunately there were no children.

Lost his memory?

On Tuesday morning, two days ago, Charles Laurence had left as usual, wearing his blue chalk-stripe suit and a light overcoat because the evenings were chilly, carrying the gold-handled umbrella which he took about with him everywhere, rain or shine.

Now it was Thursday afternoon, and he had not come back. The police? Mrs Laurence shuddered. "Charles would never forgive me. I am sure he has a good reason—or perhaps he has lost his memory. You don't think anything bad can have happened? Poor Charles, you know, he relies on me so much, he's such a quiet, harmless little man. Will you try to find him for me, Mr Quarles?"

Business was slack and so Quarles took the case.

With Mrs Laurence's authority he checked on Laurence's bank account, and found that there had been no substantial withdrawals recently.

Then he went to see Ross and Leighton, the firm for whom Laurence worked. They said that he was on a routine auditing job at a firm of marine engineers named Townsend and Gulch. So far as they knew, he should be there. It was quite common for him not to come in to the office when he was on an auditing job.

Telephone call

Mr Ross said that Laurence was not a qualified accountant, but he was a good, conscientious worker. "He's not a partner?" Quarles asked. Mrs Laurence had given him that impression.

Mr Ross laughed. "No, he's nothing more than an audit clerk, but a very good one. Nice little man. I hope nothing's wrong."

Quarles said he hoped so too, and went to see Townsend and Gulch, marine engineers. Their offices were on the upper floor of a warehouse near Queen Victoria Street.

"Mr Townsend?" Quarles asked a wheezing, watery-eyed old clerk, and learned that he was not in.

"Mr Gulch, then?"

The wheeze was evidently not meant for a laugh. "Mr Gulch, he's been dead 10 years."

"I'll come in and wait," Quarles said. In a small office

PRIVATE DETECTIVE

FRANCIS QUARLES

FINDS OUT

with dust thick on the shelves a man with broad shoulders and thick eyebrows confronted him. He looked like the chucker-out at a pub.

"I'm looking for Mr Townsend. Or Mr Laurence," Quarles added.

"Laurence? You mean the chap who does the books. Hasn't been here for a day or two. Anything I can do? My name's Philpott."

In a hat stand stood an umbrella with a gold handle. A light overcoat hung above it. Quarles put his hand on a door marked "Private."

"What are you doing?" Philpott shouted. "Can't you read?"

"Laurence has disappeared. He always took that umbrella about with him."

"When did you last see Mr Laurence?" Quarles asked the old clerk.

"Tuesday, sir, that was the last day. And we haven't seen Mr Townsend since Tuesday either."

List of names

The telephone rang. Quarles picked it up. A woman's voice spoke, high and shrill.

"That you, Don? I thought you'd gone. This is Kewpie. I must have some stuff, Don, you understand. I must have it. Can you be here in half an hour?"

"The usual place?"

"That's right, the club. I'll be waiting."

Quarles turned and snapped at the old man: "What club

does Mr Townsend use for clients?"

"The Scrambled Egg, sir, just off Cork Street."

On the office desk Quarles found a photograph of a burly, smiling fair man whom he took to be Townsend. In a locked drawer was what he expected, a list of clients' names and several packets of dope.

In the Scrambled Egg, Quarles asked for Kewpie. The waiter jerked a thumb at a scraggy blonde who sat tapping her high heels in a corner. She looked at him distrustfully. "Where's Don?"

"I've brought what you want," Quarles said. "But I want some information in return."

"On the telephone you said you thought Townsend had gone. What made you say that?"

Her words tumbled out. "You swear you'll give it to me after five o'clock? All right, then, it wasn't Don. It was his girl Molly Mitchell. She told me she was skipping the country. Going on a little banana boat or something, called the Lady Dane. Tonight it is, she said. Now—give me the stuff."

Tumbled to it

Quarles handed her one of the white packets and turned away. When he looked at her again her eyes were bright, her hands had stopped shaking.

"Mind you," she said, "I don't know that Molly was going with Don. As a matter of fact she was two-timing him with somebody—I don't know who. What's your hurry, big boy? Buy me a drink."

"It works out," young Inspector Dipper said to Quarles while they were on their way to the docks in the car. "From what I gather this Laurence was a simple soul. He tumbled to it that Townsend was dealing in the police, and Townsend killed him. Probably buried the body in that warehouse. We'll get him all right."

At the dock they saw the captain of Lady Dane and Quarles showed him a photograph. Yes, the captain said, that was the man. He had come on board last night with his wife. They wanted him. The captain shrugged his brawny shoulders. "Go and get him. Cabin three."

Inspector Dipper turned the handle of cabin three and the door opened. Inside a woman sat on a bunk reading, and a man had his hands in an open suitcase.

"I am a police officer," Dipper said. "And I must ask you—"

The woman screamed. The man took a revolver from the suitcase and put it to his head. In the small cabin the explosion seemed very loud.

Blackmail

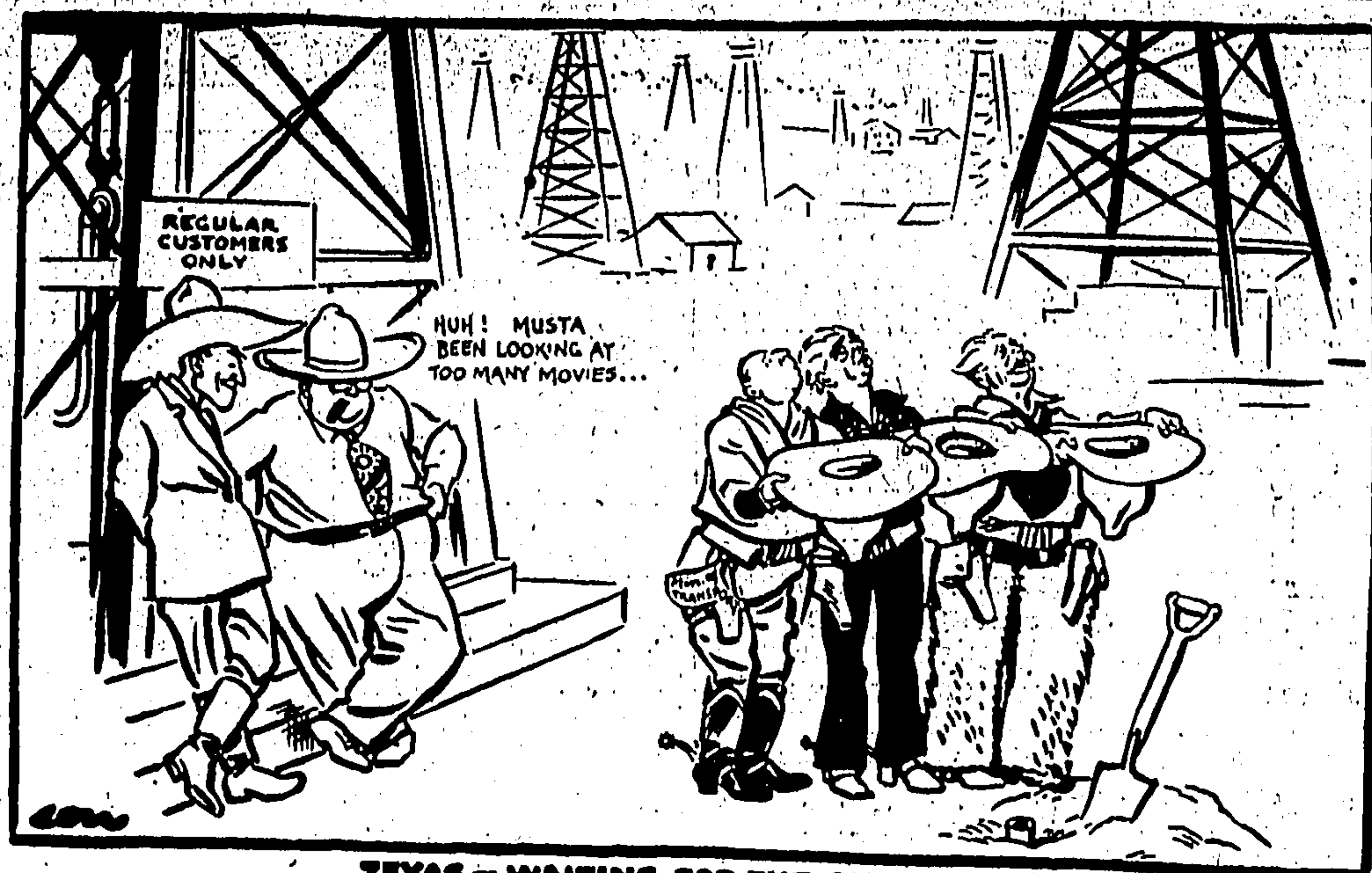
"It had to be blackmail," Quarles said when Molly Mitchell had been taken away. "Laurence was only an audit clerk. Where would he have earned enough money to build and maintain a house with oil-fired central heating and all the other niceties? Laurence must have learned Townsend was in the drug racket when he first started doing the books, and he saw immediately that the knowledge was worth money. I should guess he'd been Townsend's partner for two or three years."

"Then he met Townsend's girl, Molly Mitchell, and began to think about making a new life. That's what they all think of those respectable little men. He tried to put the screw more firmly on Townsend, probably asked for a lump sum down. They quarrelled and—well, there you are. No doubt the body's in the warehouse as you said."

"Molly Mitchell liked his money but she must have liked him too, or she wouldn't have promised to go away with him. Can't see the attraction, can you?"

From the cabin floor, primly respectable even in death, his stiff white collar immaculate and his blue chalk-stripe suit supported by blood, Charles Laurence stared up at them.

Next Tuesday: MURDER IN REVERSE



TEXAS—WAITING FOR THE CUSHER

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Don Iddon flies to Texas and meets the JILLIONAIRES

U.S. Oil Men deny putting the screws on Britain

Dallas. THIS is the place where the oil comes from. The song "The eyes of Texas are upon you all the live long day, the eyes of Texas are upon you, you cannot get away" should be changed. Now the eyes of the Western World are on Texas.

This has been a fabulous State of oil tycoons and titans for almost two decades.

They are kings

BUT now a little group of men are so rich and getting richer that a new name has been coined. It is jillionaire, a jillionaire being a man who owns a batch of billions.

The Texas barons have become kings—lusty, ruthless, and generous.

Are they making money out of the Suez crisis? They are. But stories of their holding Britain and Europe to ransom are wide of the mark—as wide as this huge nation within a nation.

One of the first signs I saw when I got off the plane from New York was "Gas 20 cents."

Gas is petrol. Twenty cents is a fifth of a dollar. A dollar is worth around 7s.

I said to the driver: "You're practically giving the stuff away. In English money that's 1s. 6d. a gallon."

He said: "There's a price war on. Has been for months. But that 20-cent deal is only the little fellows fighting each other."

"You pay 30 cents at the established places, same as New York."

Overdue

TODAY however, I see that the price of petrol, or gasoline, in Texas has gone up a cent a gallon, and the war is now only a skirmish.

This will put more millions in the multi-millionaires' pockets, but they claim that they've been over-producing, and, anyway, the price of oil itself hasn't gone up for three years, while wages, maintenance and materials have.

Robert Wood, president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, says: "A general price increase has been overdue for a long time."

I say: "Isn't that putting the screws on England and Europe?"

The answer in Dallas is: "The British haven't got better friends anywhere than in Texas, but you should have done the job properly." Got the Chai



Million a week!

and got Nasser. We don't aim to make money out of other people's suffering."

I don't think they do. Texans are not tricky, devious, or fair-weather friends.

Even so, the men of many millions now churn the dollars out for themselves and the giant headquarters back in New York and New Jersey as if they ran the world's mint.

I travelled down with a party of rich men, and I have met some even richer since I got to Dallas.

The billionaires of Texas hit you like a bludgeon. The richest of all and probably the richest man in America is Haroldson Lafayette Hunt, who has \$50,000,000 a year.

Hunt literally makes \$1,000,000 a week. Sounds incredible, but it is true.

Hunt shines the spotlight and has rarely been photographed or interviewed. He is 67, with a heavy, good-looking face, but eyes of chilling coldness.

Unlike many Texans, he doesn't talk about his money, but admits: "I'm plenty rich."

He began his dollar-spangled career running a table in an Arkansas gambling house and has been gambling ever since. But now in hundreds of millions. And always winning.

He says: "If I'm a fabulous character it's because I've never said anything about myself. I never take any interest in money except to meet my next payroll."

Avalanche

AND the payroll is for the oil wells, the great blocks of property, the sprawling ranches, and they bring a continually increasing avalanche of dollars.

Hunt will admit: "I was a smart kid and I hope I'm a smart man. Leave it at that."

Hunt's hero is General MacArthur. He backed MacArthur



Million a week!

for President, which was one of his few failures.

He also admires Senator McCarthy, but since the twilight and then the midnight closed over McCarthy the admiration has dwindled.

In the old days when McCarthy whipped Washington he and Hunt went on hunting trips together, and he was a guest at Hunt's main house.

Hunt is a six-footer, but he has a small tongue. He is not talking about the Texas oil-lift for Europe and the sudden boost in prices.

He is extreme Right in politics and has used a trickle of his fortune to finance radio and television stations and newspapers which call for super-Americanism and the hell with everyone and everything else.

A rival

CROWDING him, but not too close, is Sid Richardson who thinks he might be as rich as Hunt because, although Hunt's companies produce more oil, his own oil reserves are bigger.

Richardson, once known as the "billionaire bachelor," is estimated to own property worth \$1,500,000,000.

Some Texans tell me: "It's a cinch he's got more than that."

He and his pal Clint Marchison, another Texas titan, closed one deal involving \$2,000,000 to back railroadman Robert Young, yet another Texan, in a five-minute telephone conversation.

Said Richardson: "Sure, put me down for 20,000,000."

Later, when someone asked if this was not a little reckless, he said: "Well, it was Clint's fault. He mumbled so."

And back in Texas he said: "Say, what was that railroad Clint and me got for? Bob? Escapes my mind. It sure does."

Behind this folkiness, and behind the grizzled, bearded, and not unpleasant face, is a steel-trap mind.

But Richardson is a popular latter-day Will Rogers and, incidentally, friend of President Eisenhower and members of the Cabinet.

He says: "I sure like that Ike and he likes me."

Although he owns two big private planes and a fleet of cars, he lives astonishingly modestly in hotels and clubs, and when he drives he passes himself off as a chauffeur.

His credo is: "Do right and fear no man, don't write and fear no woman."

If Richardson had his way, which he obviously hasn't, he would give Britain the oil and the petrol for free.

He has known poverty and has been flat broke. He claims that he turned four ten-dollar bills into his billion by pulling himself up by his own bootstraps.

He gives away millions every year, but not so much as a third billionaire, Hugh Roy Cullen.

Here is another oilman who, according to friends in Dallas, has handed over \$200,000,000 to universities, schools, and hospitals.

Cullen, fiercely independent and another believer in the bootstrap technique, left school at 12, began his rainbow ride to hundreds of millions by earning £1 a week, and worked as a cotton picker.

He is almost as far Right as Hunt.

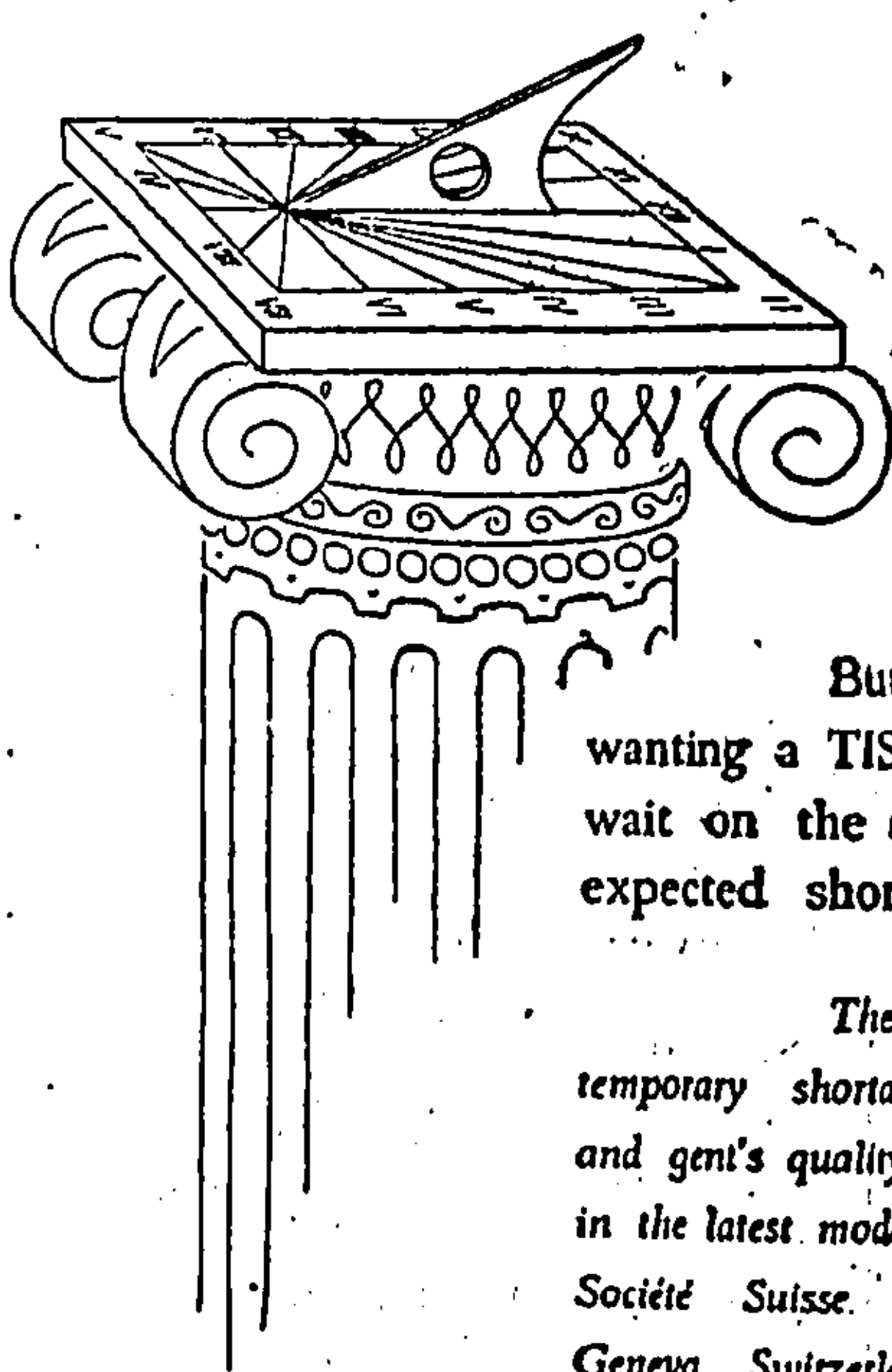
Oil first

THERE are others, big-rich and little-rich, ranging from the billionaire through the multi-millionaire to the mere millionaire, and you are not considered a millionaire in Texas if you have less than 10,000,000. And all the money made out of oil and cattle, and also blood and sweat.

They tell me in Dallas: "They used to say 'In Texas the cattle come first, then the men, and last the women.'"

Now, and Suez underlines it in thick black, oil comes first.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



TIME WAITS FOR NO MAN

But if you are one of the many wanting a TISSOT timepiece, it will pay to wait on the arrival of the 1957 collection—expected shortly.

The manufacturers of Tissot regret the temporary shortage and promise that their ladies and gent's quality timekeepers will shortly be available in the latest models, and all in the famed tradition of Société Suisse Pour l'Industrie Horlogère S.A. Geneva, Switzerland.



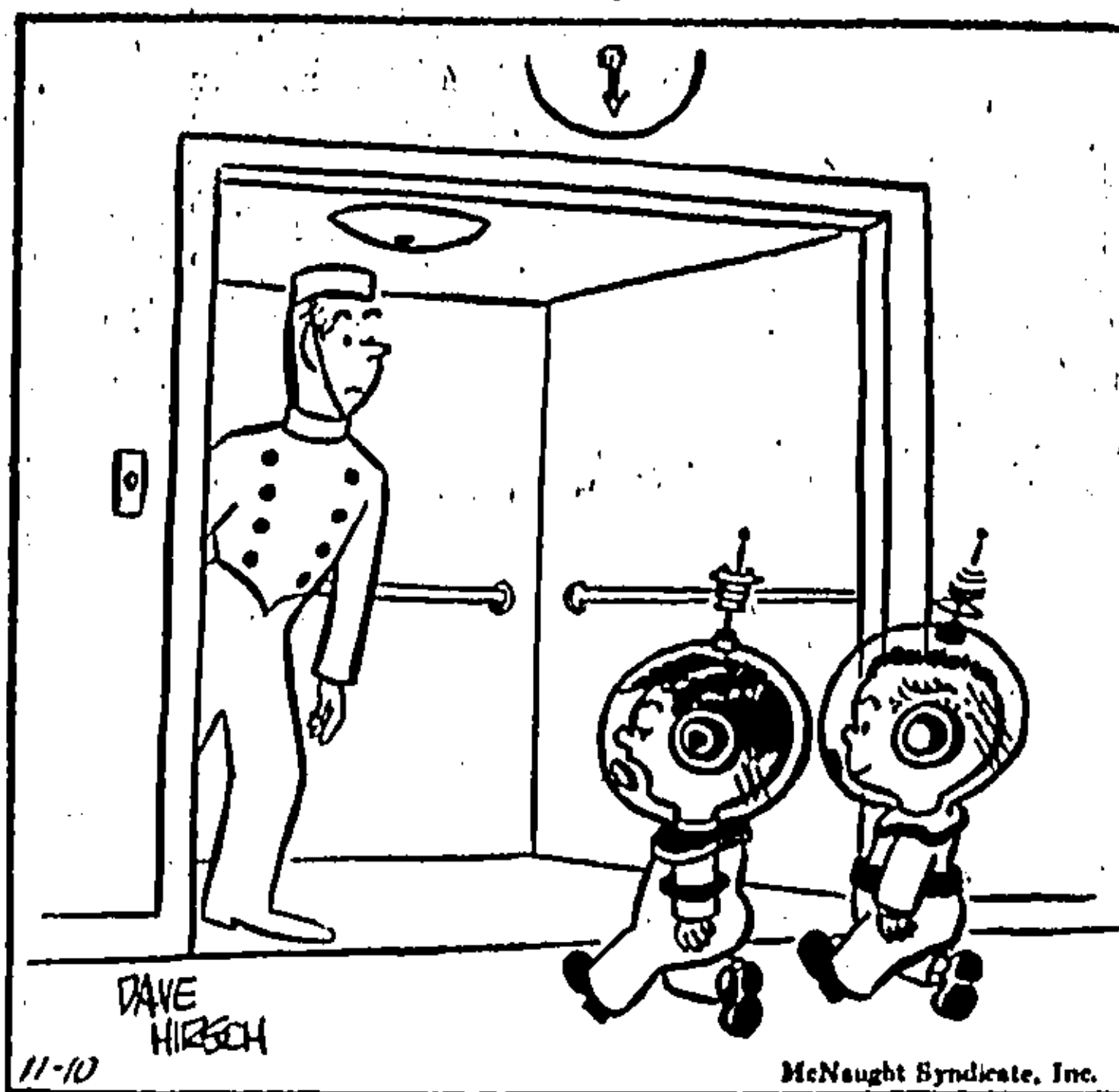
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This Funny World



"All the way up"

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

THE discovery of diamonds in the dunes 200 miles south of the Orange River in South Africa has already led to one curious incident.

A man kicked open the swing doors of a bar, shot the lights out, and asked the terrified barman what time the coach came through Dead Man's Gulch, and whether it was bringing the new schoolteacher. He was told that he had got things mixed up, and that his dates were wrong. So he shot all the bottles off the shelves, strode out into the street, still shooting, and disappeared into the warm South African night.

JACOBY
ON BRIDGE

South Brings In Elusive Trick

By OSWALD JACOBY

HOW can you make sure of winning a spade trick with the combination of cards shown in today's hand? There is a way, provided that you make proper preparation.

West leads the jack of clubs, and East takes the ace and returns a club. You draw two rounds of trumps and can now plan your play in spades.

Planning is not the same as playing. If you lead spades at this moment, East will be able to top anything that dummy plays and will be able to get out

NORTH 21	
♠ K 10 5	♥ A 10 6 3
♦ A 7 5	♣ 8 4
WEST	
♠ Q 8 7	♥ A J 9 8
♦ 5	♣ 7 4
♠ 7 6 3 2	♥ 9 5 4
♦ J 10 9 7 2	♣ A 6 5 3
SOUTH (D)	
♠ 4 3 2	♥ K Q J 8
♦ K Q 10	♣ K Q
North-South vul.	
♠ South West North East	
♥ Pass 2 W Pass	
♦ 1 W Pass 2 E Pass	
♣ Opening lead—♠ J	

safely with a diamond. You will then have to lose two more spade tricks. The correct play is to cash all three diamonds before touching the spades. Only then can you afford to lead a spade from your hand.

If West plays a low spade, you finesse the ten from the dummy. If West plays the queen of spades, you intend to put up dummy's king. In any case, East is obliged to win the trick and must then return a spade. (If East returns anything but a spade, you can ruff in dummy and discard a losing spade from your hand.) If the spades are played in this way, dummy is sure to win a trick with either the king or the ten.

CARD SYMBOL

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East
1 Diamond Pass 2 Hearts Pass

You, South, hold:
♠ Q J 4 3 ♥ K A J 9 4 3 2
♦ A 10 5 ♣ K Q J 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
What do you do?
A—Bid three diamonds. It is better to show that your suit is valuable than to bid no-trump with two doubletons.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ Q J 4 3 ♥ K A J 9 4 3 2
♦ A 10 5 ♣ K Q J 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

probably to rustle a herd of motor cars across the border.

Storm at council meeting

At a meeting of the Grobbsworth-Tuffidge Council, Councillor Frost made a strong appeal for closer links with Europe. "Closer links with Europe," Councillor Mabel Goughhouse more in my line," cried Councillor Pibboc, ogling the embarrassed lady. He was asked to leave the meeting. He did so. With her. (Cries of "Shame!" "Lucky dog!")

Diary for 1957

November 2: Risings of Fascist capitalists in all Russia's slave States condemned by the 14 British Communists as an international plot against the workers, to restore feudalism.

November 3: Society of authors bans production of "Julius Caesar" in the Isle of Man, to clear the way for a musical version to be produced in London in 1960 or thereabouts.

November 4: Standard price for delivery of the 3s. loaf fixed at sixpence halfpenny.

November 6: First reading of Bill to permit one-man shops to open only for two hours, 12-2, on alternate days, in order to prevent unfair competition with the chain stores.

A new game

CAN you arrange these nine strokes of the pen in groups of two so that the lowest is two groups away from the one in the middle, and the second in the top row in the group next to the first in the second row? If you can't do this, do not worry, I myself cannot do it, and would not if I could. It seems to me a pointless waste of time.

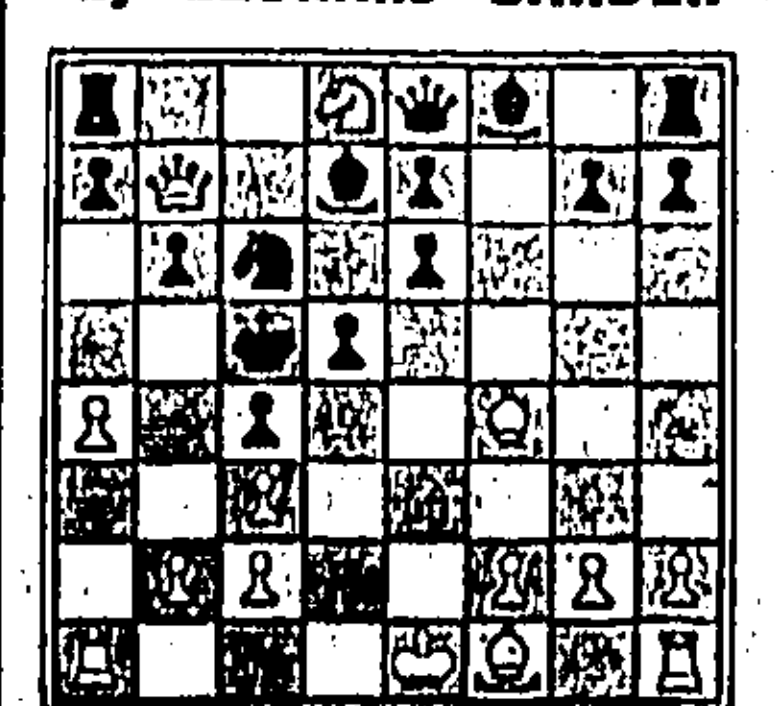
TARGET

How many of our letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the right? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. In the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals, no foreign words, no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 16 words, good; 19 words, very good; 22 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—An apt answer appears APPERTAIN' strip entrain inapt inapt name neap nipper pean pain paint painter pair pane pant paper parapet pare parent parson part pate paten patina pear pear pen pers periant pers pet petal pier pine pint pipe pipet pirate plate print rape rapine rapt reap regain tepp ripe ripen tape taper tapir trap trapean trepan trip tripe.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



From actual play; White to move and win.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1 RXP.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... BY STELLA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

BORN today, you are apt to be over-cautious. The stars indicate that your entire life may be a series of changes and it is this constantly shifting picture, most likely, which makes you more considerate of every move after each reversal. Being an optimist by nature, you normally assume the next turn will be up and, as you go through life, your adaptability will become highly developed to meet each new challenge.

Ambitious by nature, you will want to achieve power in your area of activity. You realize that these days are apt to be the requisite. You have a high degree of concentration once you have entered upon a project, and even if you are a little slow in getting started, you make up for lost time and usually finish up well in the lead. Your powers of analysis are keen and you are not one to accept a substitute for anything. Unless you can have first quality, you will do without rather than compromise.

But not for long! In the end, you will get exactly what you want. This persistence is one of your basic characteristics. Just be sure you want what you want in the struggle.

Although you do have a spiritual nature, you may not express it in the conventional manner. You believe in a "first cause" something you cannot explain by fact, theory or science. A calm and serene domestic life is necessary for your contentment, so take care in selecting your partner for life.

Among those born on this date were: Benjamin Franklin, American statesman; David Lloyd George, British statesman; Morris Gest, producer; Henry M. Baird and Mary G. Baird, educators; Robert H. Goddard, scientist; Charles Brockden Brown and Compton Mackenzie, authors; Carl Llewellyn, film producer; August Weismann, biologist; and Noah Berry, actor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birth date and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

CROSSWORD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

ACROSS

1. In this, different from the March variety? (9, 7)

8. This sends you off the straight line. (4)

9. An unpredictable slipper? (4)

12. The explosive seems outdated. (4)

13. It is steeped in tradition. (4)

14. This is certainly needed. (9)

16. People very often fight to the death. (4)

19. Leave out. (4)

20. Drivers of the Bible. (5)

21. Ache gives describe. (4)

22. This very often a bull—or a guard. (5)

23. It may be one of honour in the regiment. (4)

24. Tuff accountant makes one. (4)

DOWN

1. These remind you of something. (4)

2. The science of teaching. (9)

3. Some bar room doors are, well... (4)

4. Rupee, differently. (6)

5. I hum coast (singing). (9)

6. Don't make a little red. (5)

7. Send the money back. (4)

10. Is it? That's O.K. (3)

11. Lead it. (6)

17. Just the suit of... (4)

18. Follow? (4)

19. Shiny, grey. (4)

20. A man—or... (4)

21. Known by the... (4)

22. Education. (4)

WOMANSENSE

THE PYJAMA GAME

—Colour, gaiety and style are the keynotes for 1957



Left to right: Tailored sleeping-jacket. Contemporary design. Summer shorts. Contrasting "blazer" jacket.

By EILEEN ASCROFT

London. I HAVE started off the New Year by playing the Pyjama Game—hunting for bright new styles to replace those old-fashioned men's striped flannel monstrosities.

Why do men cling to this dreadful night attire? In my house these old relics of a bygone age disappeared into the boiler long ago.

WHY do men cling to these monstrous old striped pyjamas? I blame the wives most. They doll themselves up in the latest piece of nylon frippery, tuck their curls under a wispy of tulle and totally ignore their unfortunate bedmate, who retires each night looking like

a character straight out of a pantomime.

Money is no excuse. Many of the exciting styles I have discovered in the shops cost under £2.

Cotton has now become an all-the-year-round fabric. I've seen them in black, piped with white, or white, piped with navy. Or an Italian design, in new-looking Regency stripes, with a roll collar, and housecoat to match.

Gay paisley designs are made in Sea Island cotton, that has an attractive silky finish. And from Switzerland come plain colour cottons, in dark shades with matching housecoat, bound with black or white.

A BETTER IDEA

Dress designer Hardy Amies, whose personal choice is brown and white checked poplin, feels "there should be a better idea than the front buttoning jacket."

We found the answer to this one... it is a slipover top, in exciting colours like navy, wine or bottle green, with binding and trousers in a contrasting shade.

For the luxury-loving male there are real silk sleeping suits, patterned with amusing top hat designs. Add for the

Meat Stew
Cooked In
French Style

ONE popular restaurant dish, easily duplicated at home, is the traditional French meat stew, glorified by the pungent touch of stuffed olives. Serve it with green salad with an oil-and-vinegar dressing, and a crisp-crust Flavour Loaf, with fresh fruit or fruited gelatine for dessert.

To serve 4-5, have 1 lb. chuck or round of beef cut into 1-in. cubes, and brown in 2 tbsp. shortening. Add 1 c. chopped onions, cook until golden brown. Add 1 c. each chopped green pepper and chopped celery; cook until tender.

MIX IN SOUP

Mix in 1 tin condensed cream of tomato soup diluted with an equal amount of water, ½ c. sliced stuffed olives, tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper. Simmer in covered pan for 1 hr.; stir occasionally.

Serve over boiled new potatoes. For the bread, a fine escort for any soups, stews or goulashes, mix ½ c. butter or margarine with ½ tsp. yellow mustard. Add garlic salt to taste.

Slice down a loaf of French bread in 1-in. slices, not cutting through bottom, so that loaf shape remains. Spread seasoned butter generously between bread slices.

The string around bread to keep intact, place on cookie sheet and warm in 350° F. oven for 5-10 min. or until thoroughly heated.

USE LEFTOVERS

Here is a good recipe that makes use of leftover chicken or turkey.

Chicken Pilaf: Melt 1/3 c. butter or margarine in skillet, add 2 c. cooked rice and brown lightly. Add an undrained tin of cream of tomato soup, 1 c. diced cooked chicken, or turkey, salt and ¼ tsp. pepper. Simmer for 5 min.

—ALICE DENHOFF

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Simple Simon's Problem

—The Shadows Tell Him How Easily He Can Solve It—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow children with the turned-about names, looked at each other in surprise.

"I wonder if I really heard it," Knarf said to Hanid.

"That's just what I was about to ask you," Hanid said to Knarf.

What happened was this: Knarf and Hanid were passing the bookcase when all at once they thought they heard someone saying: "I need a penny. How can I earn a penny?"

"It sounded just like Simple Simon," Knarf said to Hanid.

"I'm quite sure it was Simon," Hanid said to Knarf. "Let's go inside the Mother Goose Book and see."

Very Small

No sooner said than done. Knarf and Hanid, being shadows, had no trouble making themselves small and slipping inside the Mother Goose Book.

They found themselves on a little country road. Simple Simon was leaning against the fence, with one foot standing on the other. He was tall, skinny, freckled and his hair was the colour of straw.

Simon gave them a smile when he saw them. Then he came over.

"I hope I'm not bothering you," he said. "I need a penny but I don't know how to get it. I'd like to work for it."

"That's a very good idea," said Hanid.

"Only," said Simon as he leaned against another part of the fence and stood with one foot on the other again, "I don't know what to do. What can I work at?"

Lots Of Ways

Knarf and Hanid said they were sure there were lots of things that Simon could do to earn a penny.

"I know," said Knarf suddenly. "You help Little Bo-Peep."



Knarf found Simon leaning against the fence.

"And help the barber shave the pig," said Hanid.

"And help Jack and Jill to fetch a pail of water," said Knarf.

"You could help Mother Hubbard to find her dog, Tray, a bone," said Hanid.

Simple Simon was so struck with wonder that he forgot himself and stood with both feet standing on each other. This caused him to trip and fall.

Knarf and Hanid quickly picked him up again.

"Thank you," he said, "for telling me all those different ways to earn a penny. I need the penny because I'd like to buy a pie from the pie man and he won't sell me any unless I first give him a penny."

Then Simon tipped his hat and went running off, feeling happier than he usually felt.

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Whiteaways JANUARY

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Hungarian Water Polo Player Denies Attack With Sharp Weapon

Cambridge, Massachusetts, Jan. 16.
A member of Hungary's Olympic Championship water polo team tonight denied that he was cut with a "sharp weapon" by a Russian team player during the Games in Melbourne.
Ervin Zador, who suffered a severe gash over his right eye as his team defeated Russia 4-0 in Australia, said: "No sharp weapon was used. I have soft skin."

Hongkong FA Soccer Fixtures For Jan 26-27

The following Hongkong FA League matches have been arranged for the week ending January 26 and 27:

JANUARY 26
1st Div.—Club v. Kitchener, 3.30 p.m. Ref. F. J. Kitchener; Lines: L. Chang/Liu Thug-tai.

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3rd Div.—CAA v. KMB, Boundary St. 3.30 p.m. Ref. A. H. Tucker; Lines: D. G. Simpson/E. O. Dawson.

4th Div.—Solicitors v. Dockyard, 3.30 p.m. Ref. F. A. Barrett; Lines: Tsang King-hong/W. H. Lau.

5th Div.—Gymnastic v. Taiwan, Caroline Hill 2 p.m. Ref. F. R. Prattell; Lines: S. Yee/Dicky Lee.

6th Div.—Prisons v. Jardine, Stanley 4 p.m. Ref. F. Moore; Lines: L. Ping-pai/S. F. Matthews.

7th Div.—RAF v. Telephone, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. S. Y. Kwok; Lines: A. A. James/Ng Yue-wai.

8th Div.—REME v. B & S, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. Chung Yung-sing; Lines: Wong King-chung/Lee Kan-chi.

9th Div.—3rd Div.—Dodwell v. C & W, H.V. 2.30 p.m. Ref. Tsang Nai-bun; Lines: Lee Tak-kee/Li Fook-on.

10th Div.—RIL v. Alfrat, H.V. 2.30 p.m. Ref. Wong Wah-kay; Lines: Luk Tai-sun/Mak Hing-tung.

11th Div.—Rediffusion v. Caroline Hill, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. Tso Hon-ki; Lines: Y. C. Mak/King Chui-wing.

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4th Div.—2nd Div.—Tung Wah v. CMB, Caroline Hill 2 p.m. Ref. George R. P. Lines; Lai Shiu-wing/Yau Wah-hing.

5th Div.—RAMC v. Tramways, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. F. W. Bates; Lines: F. J. O'Brien/A. McIntosh.

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8th Div.—CMB v. University, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. J. J. Murphy; Lines: Chu Che-ching/M. Albion.

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10th Div.—1st Div.—Navy v. Sing Tao—postponed.
Police — bye.

POSTPONED
The Hongkong Football Association First Division match between South China and Navy scheduled for play on Saturday, Jan. 19 has been postponed.

BASKETBALL
Two In A Row For Touring Japanese Team
Manila, Jan. 17.
Visiting Japanese cage-balls from Osaka last night made it two in a row in their three-game basketball exhibition here by subduing the Ful Yen quintet by 35-28.

Matsushita propelled the Japanese triumph with a total of 10 points, the top score of the evening. —France-Press.

Hungary Refuse To Stage World Fencing Tourney
Vienna, Jan. 16.
The Hungarian Fencing Federation has refused an invitation to stage the 1957 World Fencing Championships, the Austrian Press Agency reported from Budapest today.

Hungary had been entrusted with the organization of the championships by the International Fencing Federation. —France-Press.

REFEREES' MEETING
All Army referees are reminded that the January meeting will be held in the NAAFI Club, Chatham Road, Kowloon on Saturday, January 20, at 10.15 a.m.

JUDY AND CHRIS ARE CHOSEN



Chris Brasher, whose victory for Britain in the Olympic Steeplechase won him a gold medal and fame, was chosen "Sportsman of the Year" in the annual competition, awards for which were presented at the Savoy Hotel recently. Swimmer Judy Grinham, who won an Olympic Gold Medal, was acclaimed "Sportswoman of the Year." The picture shows the two with their trophies after the presentation at the Savoy Hotel. — Central Press Photo.

7TH HUSSARS 12, 27 HAA 3

7th Hussars Earn Trip To Singapore For FARELF Knockout Final

By "PAK LO"

Before a large crowd of enthusiastic spectators the 7th Hussars won the Army Inter Unit Knockout Competition (Hongkong Section) when they overcame the 27 HAA by 12 points (4 tries) to 3 points (1 penalty goal) on the Police ground at Boundary Street yesterday afternoon.

After the match the trophies were presented by Lady Stratton, wife of the CBE, Lt.-Gen. W. H. Stratton, who with other high ranking officers watched the Hussars gallop to a clear cut win.

On the whole it was a fairly scrappy game, though the players were hard at it from the first whistle, but the Hussars won because they gained the greater possession of the ball, not only from the line-outs but from the set scrums, where Barker was outshouted by Coles not through any fault of his own but because his pack just did not have the weight and strength to hold back the Hussars' pack, and the latter almost continually pushed the Gunner side off the ball.

As expected the combination of Dore and Turnbull proved the better but the reason for this was purely and simply Dore. Turnbull again had some good spots but some of his passes from the base of the scrum were very poor, but Dore somehow managed to get his hands to them. From whatever angle they came, and fed his three steadily.

Again it was the Hussars' three as expected who proved the more dangerous, with Worsley and Swindells definitely the shining lights. These two often cut out the other three to join up and it was mainly through their efforts that the Hussars scored.

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ODD MOVES
Seeing little of the ball from their forwards the 27 HAA had little chance of attacking and spent practically all their time on defence, while in the odd moves they did make the Hussars' smothering tackles soon pulled them up.

In the first half the Hussars although always on the attack failed to score, and it was Quin who opened the scoring and, as far as the 27 HAA went, closed it when he converted a penalty in the fourth minute for outside 3-0.

Things livened up in the second half as the Hussars took complete charge and in the first minute a fine footrush took them well upfield and the ball was kicked ahead along the ground. A member of the 27 HAA seemed to get to it first, it rolled over the line but must have fumbled as the Hussars were right on, his heels and Stanniforth touched the loose ball down to level the scoring as Moeran missed the easy conversion, 3-3.

Three minutes later a 27 HAA attack broke down when Swindells gathered their kick ahead, and then passed out to Worsley who made a good bit of ground before going into touch. Following the lineout there was a scrum, and the ball went to Worsley who started a

nice move, then cut inside and passed across to Swindells who raced for the corner flag to touch down well out. The conversion was missed, 6-3.

A LOOSE MAUL
Twelve minutes later after strong Hussar pressure there was a loose maul on the 27 HAA's line and the Hussars heeled and sent the ball across their three line to Swindells who went over near the posts.

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SPORTS VIEWPOINT

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For off to Stockholm with England's World Championship Swaythling Cup (Men) and Corbillion Cup (Women) teams in March go two bright young prospects, 17-year-old Ian Harrison and 18-year-old Joyce Fielder.

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HARRY CARPENTER

Strictly without bias

THIS BOWLS IS DYNAMIC STUFF

Dr John Fisher, sedate, grey, peaceable, has destroyed one of the great illusions of my life.

For some time I have been looking forward to the august years of retirement when, on a liberal pension from the *Daily Mail*, I would pen leisurely, refined articles from my neat, thatched Sussex cottage, and fill in the passing hours with innumerable "ends" of bowls.

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cunning curve round the other woods, "came in for shot," and the player, revelling in his new technique, won five successive ends.

THE GRIPS
But to get back to "Power Bowls." It's pretty technical stuff. For instance, you don't just pick-up a wood and bowl. You "may employ one or other of the Cradle, Fincer, Claw, or Anderson grips. You make cannon, trailing, vick-off, or firing shots. My favourite is the firing shot, a sort of Sunday punch in a bowls. But, says Dr Fisher, "keep that blinder up your sleeve... firing may become an obsession."

No, bowls, is definitely not for out-to-grass hacks, thank you very much. Especially when Dr Fisher hints that the boys might occasionally pull a fast one.

Every well-equipped bowls player carries a tape-measure around with him to check up on niceties of distance from the jack.

THE MEASURE
Dr Fisher warns: "Acquire a reliable measure, preferably of steel rather than string, to avoid disputes."

"String can, to some extent, be slackened or tightened at will, and although, in general, no other game can claim a finer body of sportsmen, it has to be admitted that a few 'expert manipulators of the tape exist' for the Sunday papers. I can see the headlines now. 'Exposed! Big-time bowls scandal! I confess all, says vice king of the greens.' If I were you, Dr Fisher, I'd keep your spool out of the papers. Such going-on. (COPYRIGHT)

WORLD CUP SOCCER
Lisbon, Jan. 16.
Portugal and Northern Ireland drew one-one in their World Cup football match here tonight. Both goals were scored in the 80th min. —France-Press.



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DANISH REDS THREATEN MASS RESIGNATIONS FROM COMMUNIST PARTY

Copenhagen, Jan. 16.

Members of Denmark's 10,000-member strong Communist Party are rolling up their sleeves for the biggest fight within their ranks since World War II. The issue is Soviet intervention in Hungary.

Strife began when Soviet troops intervened in Hungary at the beginning of November and has in recent weeks developed into an open battle between those who favour Soviet policy in Hungary and those who oppose it. Several prominent Communists, among them Carl Widtkov, a member of the 30-man Central Committee, have resigned from the party, while others have been summarily expelled.

The final outcome of the struggle will be decided at an extraordinary Congress which is to meet on January 18.

Main Reason

The main reason for calling this Congress, the 19th in the party's history, is the likelihood of there being general elections in Denmark this spring. Although the term of the present Social Democratic minority Government does not expire until the autumn, it is widely believed here that the Government will wish to take advantage of the recent decrease in Communist prestige and get the country to the polls in April or May.

At the last general election, in 1953, the Communists gained 63,284 votes, which gave them eight seats out of the 179 in the Danish Parliament. In 1945, when Communist influence was at its peak, the corresponding figures were 255,230 and 18 seats.

Some of the Conservative newspapers have this year predicted such a drop in Communist votes that the party will be unable to achieve even 60,000 votes, which under Danish law is necessary for Parliamentary representation.

The main tasks of the central leadership of the Communist Party at the forthcoming Congress will thus be either to appease or quell the opposition, and to hammer out an election programme acceptable to wavering supporters. Failure to do these things would seal the political fate of the present leader of the party, Mr Aksel Larsen, who as a veteran "Stalinist" has publicly supported Soviet action in Hungary.

25th Anniversary

Mr Larsen is this year due to celebrate his 25th anniversary as leader of the party and also as Communist Member of Parliament. He is reported to have a strong hold on the central corps of the party, but has recently compromised himself among the extreme members by allegedly "rubbing his hands in glee and shouting 'Now we will have a go at them'" when a report, later proved erroneous, that the Soviet Union had delivered an ultimatum to Britain and France, was brought to him during a party meeting.

If Mr Larsen's view of the events in Hungary is accepted by the Congress as the party's official attitude, political observers here expect mass resignations from party membership. It has even been rumoured that the defectors would create a new radical left-wing party.

Doctors Rushed To Assist Seamen

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 16.
 The Coast Guard cutter Cherokee, with three doctors aboard, was sent today to aid four seriously injured seamen aboard the American freighter Exchange, about 300 miles off Cape Henry, Va.

A Coast Guard spokesman here said the freighter radiated the Coast Guard about noon that the four seamen had been injured while the vessel wallowed in heavy seas. The freighter, en route to India with a general cargo, did not identify the seamen or say how they were injured.

The ship's message said one of the men had a broken leg and ankle and a possible skull fracture; one suffered head injuries; another had lacerations of the head and internal injuries and the fourth suffered possible internal and head injuries.

The Coast Guard said the Cherokee was expected to rendezvous with the freighter at about 1300 GMT Thursday.—United Press.

On the other hand, should the "Larsenists" be defeated, a more liberal group of men would replace them and inject into the party leadership a spirit of nationalism akin to that of the Polish and Yugoslav parties.

The open revolt within the Communist Party began on November 3, when a number of Communist intellectuals presented a secret address to the Executive Committee, criticising "the unsuccessful policies of international communism" and labelling Soviet intervention in Hungary as "the most tragic consequence hitherto of this policy."

Fallacious

Soon afterwards, Denmark's leading left-wing intellectual who is a veteran supporter of the Communist Party here, Professor Mogens Fog, published an article in which he stated that the Soviet Union, by sending troops into Hungary, had "endangered world peace," and that the accounts issued by the Danish Communist party about the situation were "fallacious." Professor Fog, who is not a member of the party, also accused the central leadership of trying to enforce party discipline on the Hungarian question by labelling members with opposing views as "petty bourgeois elements" and "the errand boys of fascism."

Mr Aksel Larsen has publicly denied these allegations, stating that "the suggestion that on the question of Hungary there is an opposition which the central leadership is trying to quell is false."

Professor Fog was, however, supported by one of the party's oldest members, Mr Edvard

Helberg, who recently declared that the forthcoming Congress must "do away with undemocratic regulations" within the party which, at the moment, is "a military machine of which all commands must be obeyed."

Mr Helberg's statement was published in a special discussion pamphlet which is being issued once weekly together with the Communist daily newspaper Land og Folk to give members a chance to air their opinions before the Congress opens.

The issue of such pamphlets, which is unique in the history of the party, was insisted on by the opposition and forced through amid strong protests from the "Larsenists."

The pamphlets have also contained violent attacks on the manner in which Land og Folk handled news about recent events in Hungary. One contributor declared that it was "ridiculous" that, for example, the poster Picasso's protest to the French Communists for the denunciation of Soviet action in Hungary were reported in the Danish Communist press.

Confusion

Another Communist demonstration, which Land og Folk chose to ignore and which sums up the confusion among Communists here on the eve of the Congress, was a statement made by the leader of the Copenhagen Masons' Union, who is also a member of the Executive Committee, in the union's trade journal, Murensvennen.

The statement, after referring to the Soviet Union's "surprising and incredible" action in Hungary, concluded: "We demand an explanation." — China Mail Special.

No, He's Not From Mars



Looks like science-fiction-style invader from outer space, but in reality he's one of the workers on the underground pipes which carry high pressure steam to an aircraft works in California, USA. His gloves are asbestos-lined, and his shiny insulated suit wards off the heat from the steam pipes. Under his arms he carries a portable pump which provides air to keep his suit cooler, and the rope round his waist is a safety measure. His head is covered by a heat-resistant hood. — Express Photo.

Floods Disaster

Sanja Cruz De La Palma, Jan. 16.
 Five persons have been drowned and another 30 are missing in serious floods which have devastated La Palma island in the Canaries, during the last 24 hours, it was reported here tonight.
 In the village of Las Arenas, 19 houses have been swept away by the flood-waters and all their inhabitants are missing. — France-Press.

PUERTO RICO WANTS DIRECT AIR LINK WITH EUROPE

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jan. 16.

Puerto Rico, sometimes called the Gibraltar of the West Indies, could become the gateway between the old and the new world, if expanded air services provide the transport needed in this Commonwealth under the American flag to attract European investment capital and link it directly by air with Latin America, Spain, Portugal and other European nations.

European manufacturers are already responding to a recent drive by the Economic Development Administration to encourage them to come to Puerto Rico.

The Puerto Rican Government has urged the United States Civil Aeronautics Board to approve San Juan as the "gateway and co-terminal" for a new trans-Atlantic air route to Lisbon, Madrid and Rome and to make recommendations in favour of granting an application by Pan-American World Airways for a certificate to inaugurate a direct trans-Atlantic service to southern Europe via San Juan.

Foundation

"The aeroplane is the foundation upon which Puerto Rico has built its new economy and on which it bases its future hopes," a written statement to the Board declared.

The statement put forward officially three arguments for an expanded air service.

1. Puerto Ricans have strong and ancient ties with countries lying on the San Juan-Lisbon-Madrid-Rome route for the following reasons:
 "Through various stages of political, economic and social transformation, the Puerto Ricans have retained strong ties with the old world while developing their relationships with the new. Puerto Rico sends some 600 students a year to European Universities.

Such an air service, it is added, would cut the San Juan-Madrid flying time to less than 15 hours, and San Juan-Rome to less than 18 hours.—China Mail Special.

Visitors

"Its University, where the Nobel Prize winner, Senor Juan Ramon Jimenez, is Professor of Spanish, conducts annual tours

Terrorists Killed Officer

Algiers, Jan. 16.

A French staff officer was killed and two guards wounded by a terrorist-provoked explosion which took place in Algiers tonight in the office of the aide of General Raoul Salan, Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in Algeria.

The headquarters office had previously been occupied by the former Commander-in-Chief, General Henri Mordant, who was relieved by General Salan. When he took over, the new commander changed his office to another room in the same building, in the centre of the European quarter of Algiers, and his aide moved into the old commander's office.

GUARDS INJURED
 The aide, whose name was not given, was killed in the explosion, which was timed to occur when he was in the office. Neither of the guards, Colonel Basset, who was also in the office, escaped without injury.

Military investigators soon found out how the attempt had been carried out when they discovered a firing mechanism in the roof of a building facing the office.

Although the nature of this weapon was kept a strict official secret, it was understood here that it consisted of two Bazookas tied together and secured to the roof. It was believed they were fired by means of a trigger wire by someone in a courtyard below. — France-Press.

Israel Border Clash: Two Arabs Killed

Jerusalem, Jan. 16.

Two Arab infiltrators were killed by Israeli forces today in sharp clashes inside the border zone, a military spokesman announced here.

The spokesman said a band of Jordanian infiltrators had been surprised early this morning near the village of Pedayim, 16 kilometres northwest of Beer-sheva. Another band was discovered near Urtin Village, not far away.

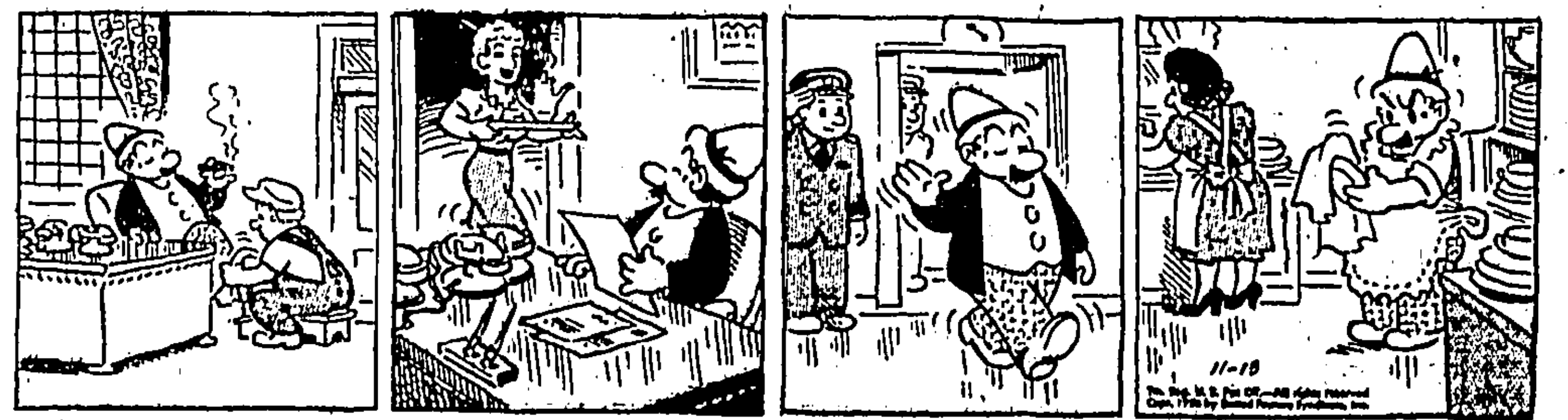
Colonel Brosh said both bands traded shots with police patrols before melting away into the darkness. One man from each band was killed. No Israeli casualties were reported. — United Press.

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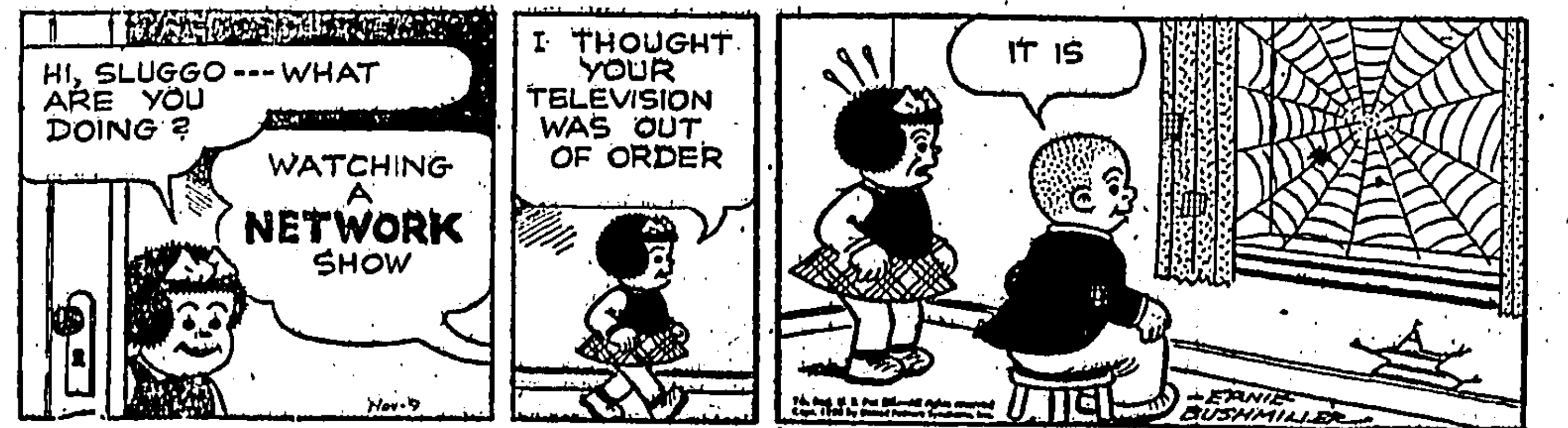
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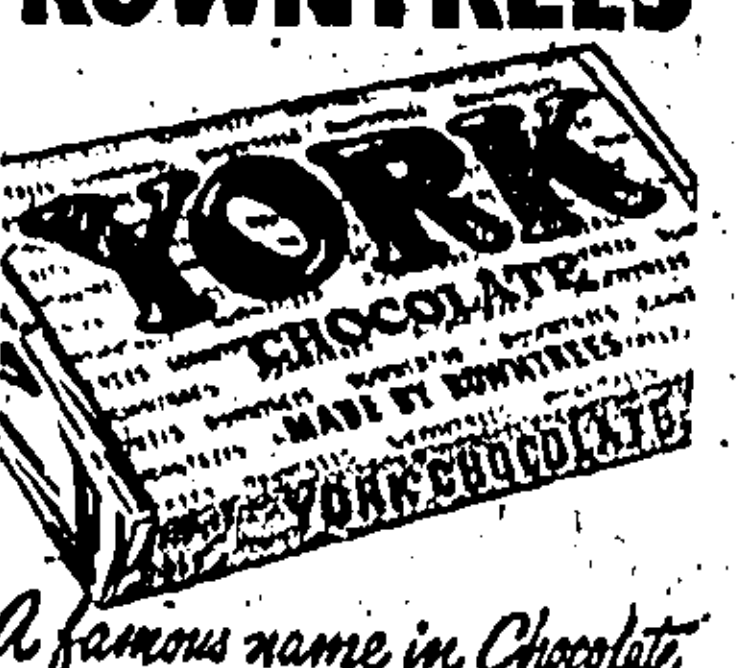
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